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(CTNA-ACPF)**

**2023 Atlantic Forest Nursery Conference
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Tweet Trudeau pledges to plant 2 billion trees by 2030



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2 Billion Tree Program (2BTP)

- Announced in 2019, launched in 2020
- Plant 2 billion trees by 2031
- Incremental trees to what's already being planted
- Forest industry plants approx. 600M trees per year as legally required to regenerate areas they've harvested
- In 2020
 - Would have required an additional 200M trees per year.
 - This increase would require significant capacity development in all components of the forest restoration supply chain

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- April 11/12, 2023 - Ottawa - Meeting of 7 nurseries from across Canada, 2 2BTP staff, 3 Forests Ontario staff
- Represented 85% of nations seedling growing capacity



Key Observations and Findings

1. A general a lack of understanding of the 2BTP
2. Although approx. 250M seedlings of Contribution Agreements had been signed, no nurseries had been contacted to grow seedlings – a few had last minute requests in Jan for stock to plant in the spring
3. Window for amortizing investments in capacity to grow additional trees was narrowing quickly.
4. Concern with investing if Planting Agency folds – nursery taking the biggest financial risk
5. Skilled labour (Growers) was a significant challenge for many nurseries. Field labour also a challenge.
6. Concern on land availability

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Summary Report submitted to
2BTP staff with
recommendations to enhance
delivery of 2BTP



National Nursery Meeting
April 11-12, 2023
Ottawa, ON

Report on Recommendations

prepared by Forests Ontario

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Key Recommendations (paraphrased)

1. Proposals must require proof that the nursery is engaged by the Planting Agency
2. Develop mechanisms to reduce the financial risk assumed by the nurseries.
3. Extend the 2BTP beyond 2031.
4. Establish a national association to represent nurseries that grow seedlings for forest restoration.

Benefits of a national tree nursery association

1. Enhance information exchange between nurseries
2. Look for opportunities to increase overall efficiencies of the nurseries.
3. A single voice representing the interest of nurseries growing tree seedlings for reforestation and restoration.

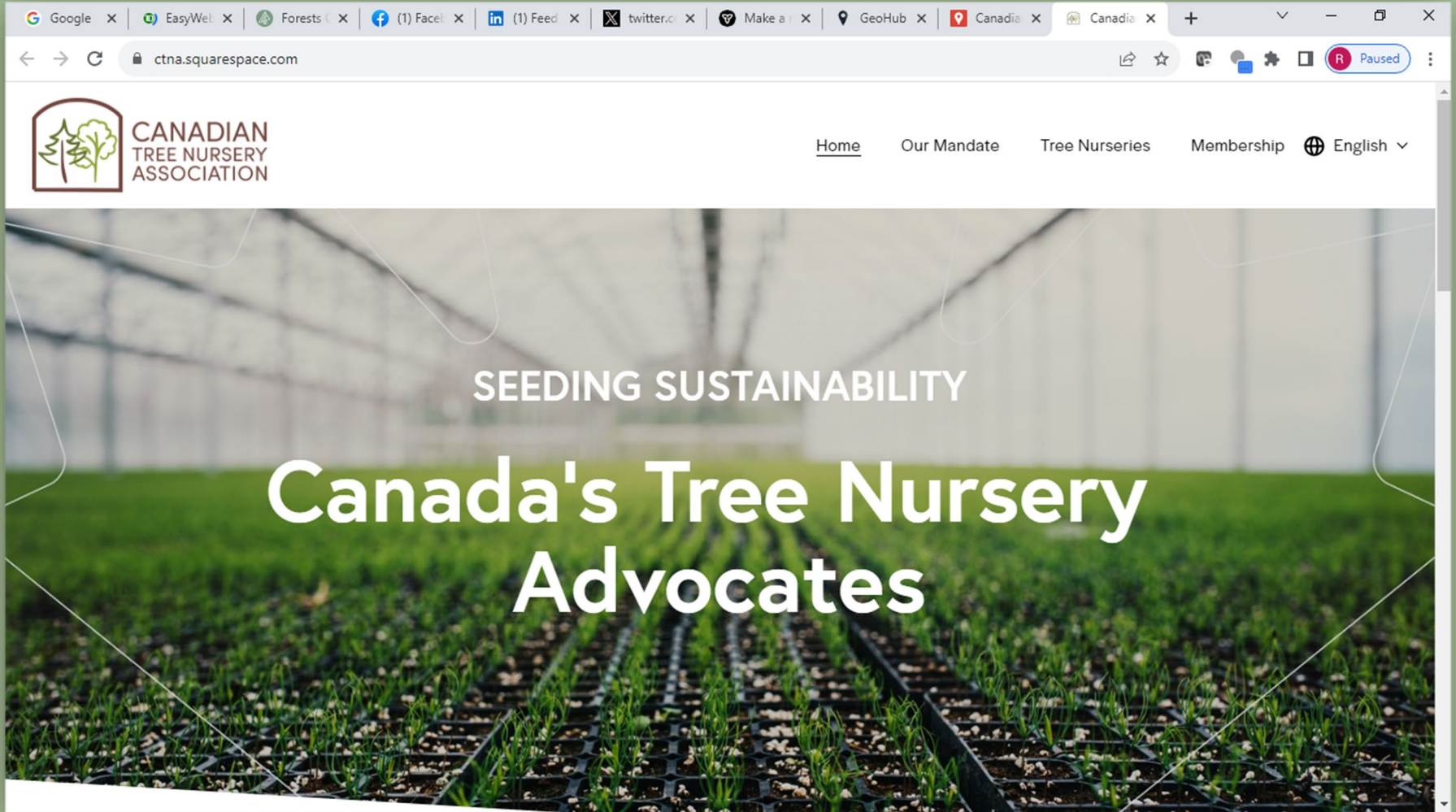
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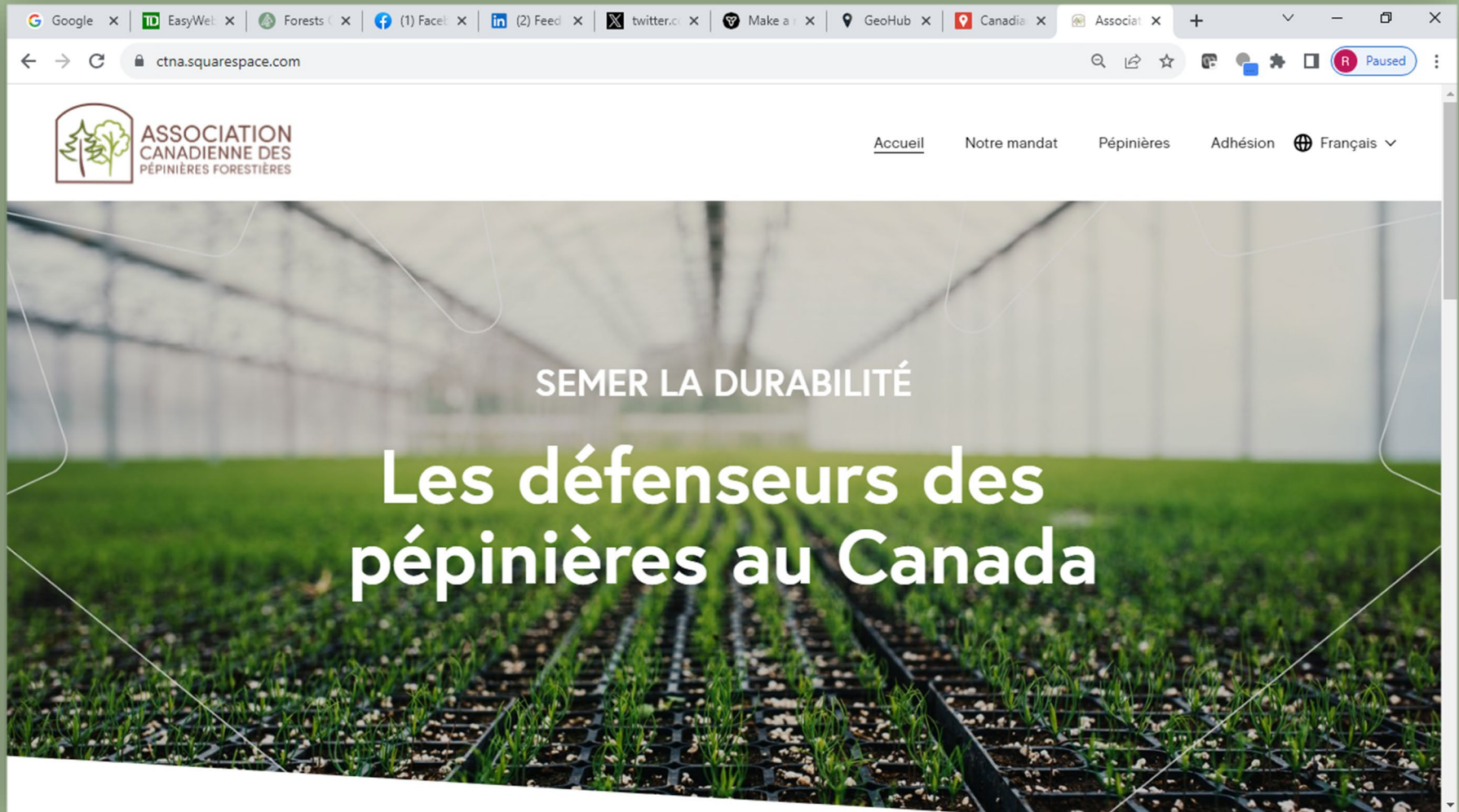
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The voice of the Canada's tree nurseries.



The image shows a browser window displaying the website for the Canadian Tree Nursery Association. The browser's address bar shows the URL ctna.squarespace.com. The website header features the organization's logo on the left, which consists of a stylized tree icon inside a square frame, followed by the text "CANADIAN TREE NURSERY ASSOCIATION". To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with the following items: [Home](#), [Our Mandate](#), [Tree Nurseries](#), [Membership](#), and a language selector for [English](#). The main content area is a large banner image of a tree nursery with rows of young seedlings in black plastic trays. Overlaid on this image is the text "SEEDING SUSTAINABILITY" in a smaller font, and "Canada's Tree Nursery Advocates" in a large, bold, white font.



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Our Mandate

- To enhance awareness of the tree nursery sector in Canada with key audiences, including policymakers, industry stakeholders and the public.
- To represent the interests of Canadian tree nurseries and to successfully position them to fulfil their critical purpose.
- To be an information-sharing hub for members and engaged stakeholders regarding funding, research opportunities and operational innovations.
- To position the CNTA as a key partner with Indigenous, federal and provincial governments, provincial nursery associations and related organizations (including those focused on ecology and genetics, tree planting, and research and development).
- To identify opportunities to improve and grow the tree nursery sector, both through the cultivation of talent and by monitoring and responding to industry trends.
- To support the professional development of persons involved in all facets of the industry to ensure the sector has the skills and knowledge to sustain itself well into the future.
- To proactively pursue technical innovations that support increased nursery efficiency and productivity, to ensure the industry can deliver on its goals.



Eligibility

Organizations meeting the following criteria qualify for membership:

- Canada based
- Own and or operate a tree nursery(s) that grows and supply in excess of 1 million native tree seedlings per year for purposes of forest restoration
- Be committed to advancing the Association's mandate

Become a member* and help us grow our nation.

***Note:** Membership requests are reviewed for eligibility by the CNTA. If you meet the selection criteria, you will be sent a membership eligibility confirmation email.



Start Your Application

Name (required)

First Name

Last Name

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As of Oct 20, 2023

Our Members



Associate Nurseries

OPPFA Affiliates:

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Planfor Inc.

Pépinière De Harrington Inc.

Reboisement Mauricie Inc.

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Bonnyville Forest Nursery

Chinook Greenhouse (1990) Ltd.

Red Rock Nursery

Smoky Lake Forest Nursery

Tremel Greenhouse

PRT Affiliates:

PRT Armstrong

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PRT Beaverlodge

PRT Brighton

PRT Campbell River

PRT Coldstream

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PRT Dryden

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PRT Quesnal

PRT Red Rock

PRT Skimikin

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PRT Victoria

As of Oct 20, 2023

- **Membership**

- 12 Member Nurseries

- 39 Affiliate Nurseries

- PRT – 22

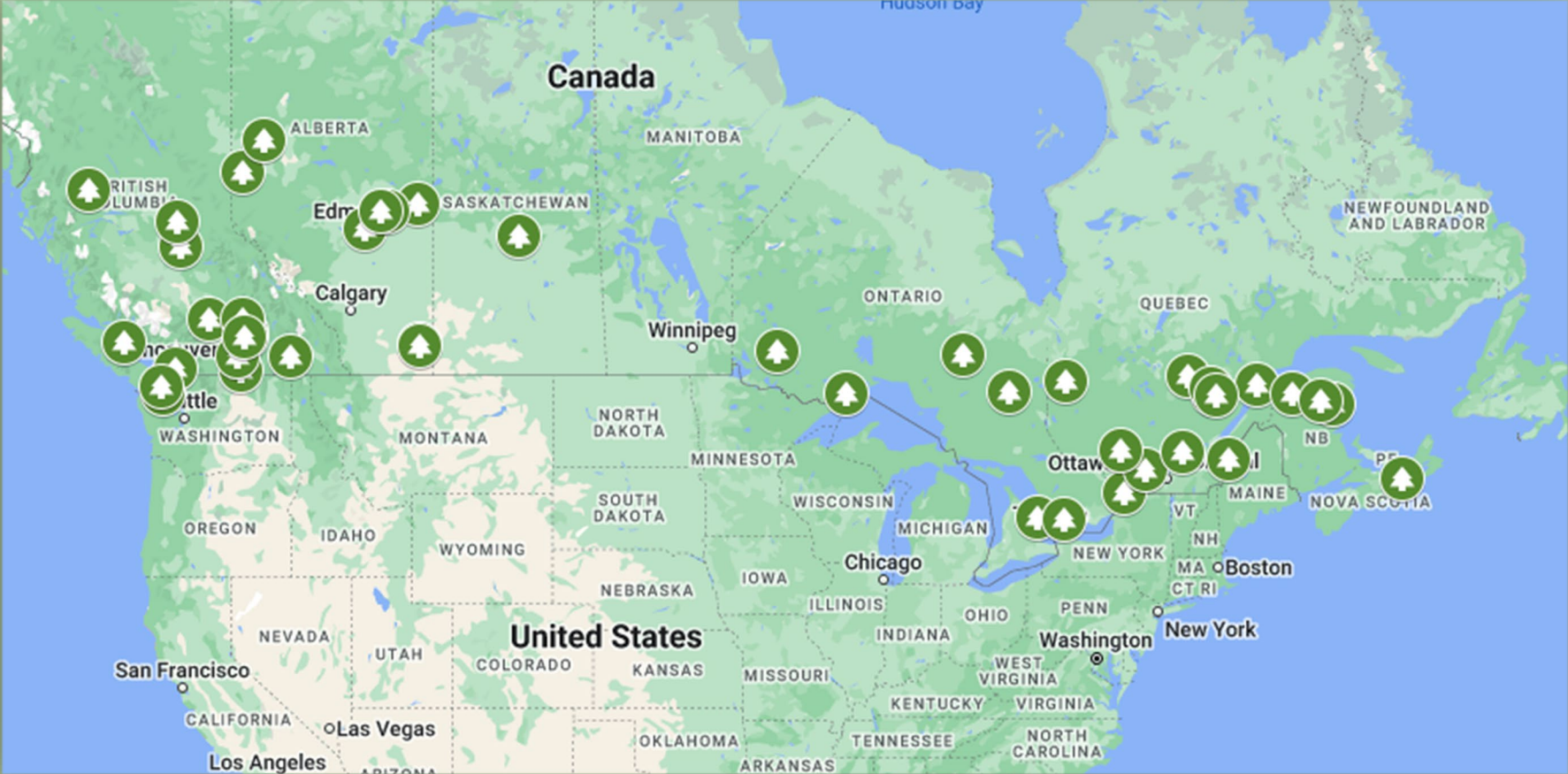
- OPPFQ – 12

- Coast to Coast – 5

- Total 51 Nurseries

- Represents more than 90% of the nation's tree seedling growing capacity

As of Oct 20, 2023



Association Member Nurseries

As of Oct 20, 2023

Partners

- Forests Ontario/Forest Recovery Canada
- Forest Gene Conservation Association
- National Tree Seed Centre
- Canadian Institute of Forestry
- Forest Products Association Canada
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative/Program Learning Tree

A special thanks to Forests Ontario/Forest Recovery Canada for being a significant partner in facilitating the creation of the Association.

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- a charitable foundation that advocates for and supports the planting of Canadian native maple trees.



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Increasing Seed Capacity

Association will be assisting Forests Ontario/Forest Recovery Canada, Forest Gene Conservation Association, National Tree Seed Centre with a national Seed Capacity Study

Skilled Labour

Association will be working with Forests Ontario/Forest Recovery Canada, Project Learning Tree, 2BTP staff and ESDC to assess education and training opportunities for nursery sector.

Economic Analysis

Third party study to provide the economic and social contributions of the nursery sector.

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Update on 2 Billion Tree Program (2BTP)

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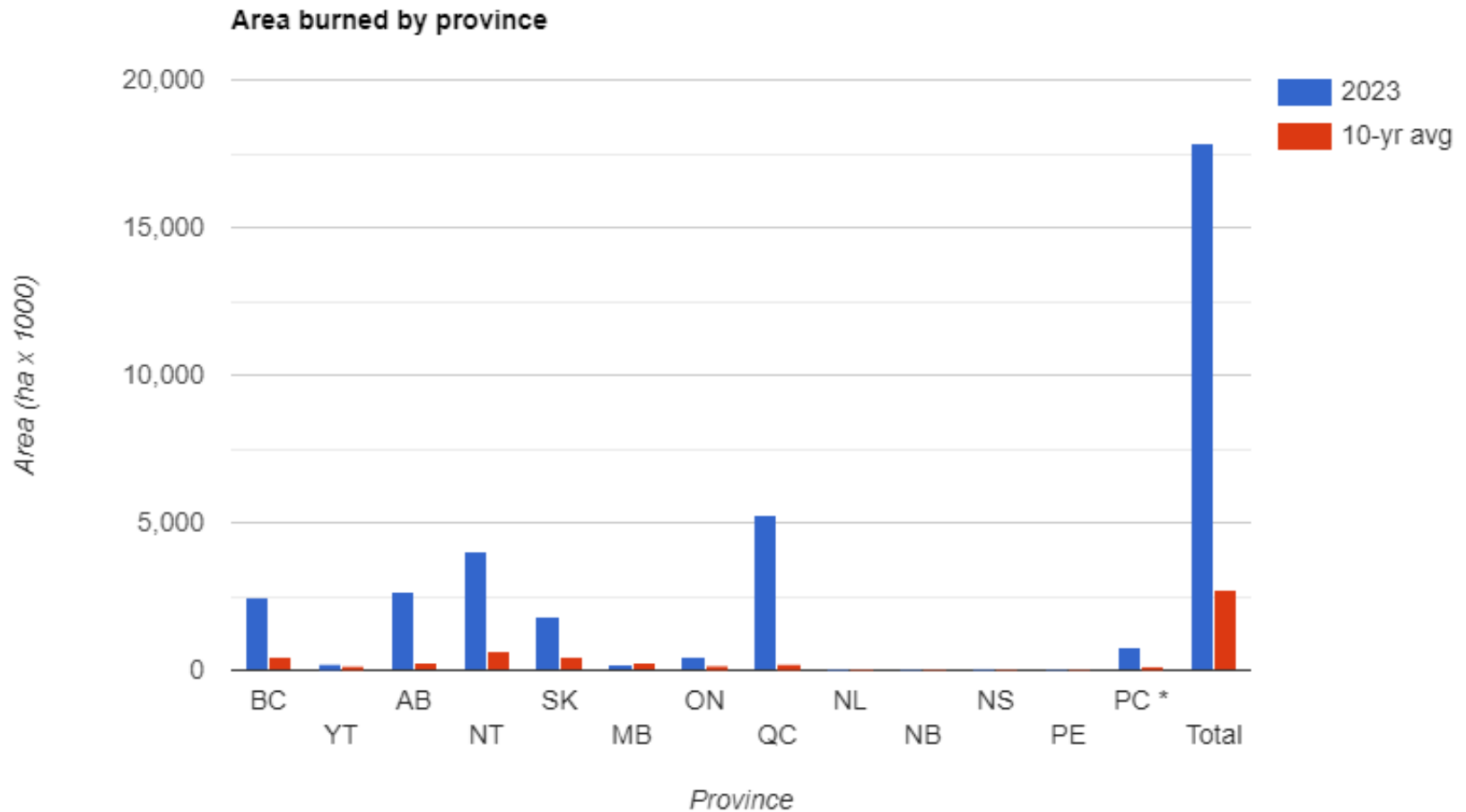
Update on 2 Billion Tree Program (2BTP)

- Contribution Agreements – 370M by 2031
- As of 2023 – 110M seedlings planted
- 1.89B remaining – starting 2024 will require an additional 270M trees per year.

Plus - Consider the additional seedlings required to restore our wildfire destroyed forests



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Wildfires of 2023

18 million ha of Canada's forests destroyed

Previous 10 year average – 2.4M per year

Seedlings required

2k per ha, 50% plantable ha = 18B seedlings

CTNA/ACPF - Update

Increased capacity in forest restoration is needed!

CTNA/ACPF – Next Steps

- Advocate to all levels of government to commit to restoring our forests
 - **Commitments beyond 2031 must be made!**
 - Recognize that a long-term vision is required to achieve the goal
 - Ensure that all aspects of the forest restoration supply chain are considered
 - Engage experts to build programs to facilitate restoration programs
 - Ensure that the appropriate resources are committed and the necessary incentives are provided to encourage investment in capacity
 - Develop education/training programs to address labour shortages

CTNA/ACPF – Next Steps



The Right Honorable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
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October 26, 2023

Dear Prime Minister,

Subject: Extension of the Two Billion Tree Program

I am writing on behalf of the Canadian Tree Nursery Association-Association Canadienne des Pépinières Forestières (Association), which currently represents over 90% of Canada's tree nursery production (see attached map for locations). I would like to express the Association's strong support for the extension of the Two Billion Tree (2BT) program beyond 2031.

The Association strongly urges the Canadian government to extend the Two Billion Tree Program to support the restoration of fire-damaged and infestation-affected forests. By doing so, we can ensure the ecological health and sustainability of our forests for future generations. Moreover, this program will foster economic growth and stability in the forest nursery sector, benefiting communities nationwide.

As you know better than most, Canada witnessed the destruction of 18 million hectares of forest this past year due to wildfires. This number is a significant increase compared to Canada's average fire-damaged forests over the previous 10 years, which stands at approximately 2.4 million hectares per year. This alarming surge in forest destruction necessitates a robust response from our government to support the restoration of these forests.

To meet the demands of forest restoration, it is vital that all components of the supply chain, including tree nurseries, are prepared. Our Association aims to ensure that our nurseries are adequately positioned to provide the necessary seedlings for reforestation efforts. By extending the Two Billion Tree Program, the government will not only demonstrate its commitment to environmental stewardship but also support the growth and sustainability of the tree nursery industry.

The Association firmly believes that the restoration of these forests is essential, not only for the environment but also for the economy. Forests play a crucial role in carbon sequestration, mitigating climate change, providing habitat for wildlife, and providing sustainably produced forest products. Additionally, the nursery sector is an important contributor to rural economies, providing jobs and economic stability to many communities across the country.

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What we heard

1. Seedlings aren't marbles - growing seedlings is a highly complex process
2. Lack of understanding of nursery processes
3. Lack of understanding of seed procurement
4. Growing seedlings in a life-long passion and commitment.
5. All are committed to growing healthy forests
6. Great time to plant trees
7. **Labour, Labour Labour!!! skilled and field**

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We want to hear from you.

Join the voice of Canada's tree nurseries.



Questions

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